

Nation Marks 25th Anniversary of Wilderness Act

BLM Lands Round Out Nation's Wilderness Preservation System

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Wilderness. It is an issue affecting all BLM employees, from Director Jamison in Washington to the typist in a resource area office laboring over a wilderness environmental impact statement. The word brings visions of peace and tranquility to some people, stirs up concern and opposition in others.

As the nation celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act this fall, the Bureau of Land Management, with some 450,000 acres of designated wilderness, is approaching the point where more of its 270 million acres of public lands may be added to the National Wilder-



BLM-managed Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness Area in the Arizona Strip District. BLM photo.

ness Preservation System.

BLM is the new kid on the block in the wilderness business. Its sister agencies, the Forest Service, National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service have been involved with wilderness since the passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964. However,

BLM's involvement didn't begin until 1976, when Congress passed the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act. It directed BLM to review roadless areas under its jurisdiction

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Wilderness Act 25 Years Old

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and recommend to the President those areas suitable for wilderness designation. These recommendations are to be completed by October 1991.

BLM's wilderness and wilderness study areas are often different than those managed by other agencies. They are starker, dryer, closer to populated areas. They range from high desert to alpine meadows to rugged ocean shoreline. These areas are also a vast cultural and historical warehouse containing thousands of Native American archaeological sites, prehistoric rock carvings and paintings, pioneer trails, ghost towns and fossil remains.

Because many of the BLM areas are in lower elevations, they are closer to urban areas and generally more accessible. The lands in the California Desert, for example, are only a 2-hour drive from the Los Angeles area.

There is diversity, too, in the size of BLM's lands. BLM manages the smallest Congressionally designated wilderness area in the nation—the Oregon Islands, a mere 5 acres. The smaller size of some BLM wilderness lands makes them easier to reach and explore.

In contrast, the Saline Valley study area in California, near Death Valley National

BLM's Wilderness Timetable

BLM is completing its wilderness studies and preparing recommendations for the President. California's recommendations are currently being reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior. His recommendations to the President are slated to be made by this fall. The studies, on a statewide basis, are scheduled to be completed as follows:

New Mexico, Nevada, Idaho
Wyoming, Colorado
Montana
Arizona, Utah, Oregon

April 1990
September 1990
December 1990
April 1991

Monument, is almost 400,000 acres, more than 100 square miles.

Another factor that sets BLM wilderness study areas apart from most other wildernesses is their dryness. These desert or desertlike lands, where water and firewood are scarce, won't see intensive recreational use. Thus solitude and scenic values—and the chance for a true wilderness experience—will be maximized.

Although it may seem that BLM was at a disadvantage by being so late in identifying lands suitable for wilderness, it was in many respects a blessing. The other three agencies had already completed the majority of their wilderness designation recommendations. BLM employees thus had the opportunity to learn how those agencies had proceeded, benefit from their mistakes and challenges, and design better approaches.

The primary lesson learned was to fully involve the public, including special interest groups, throughout the study process.

The first phase of BLM's wilderness study process involved compiling an inventory of wildlands. BLM employees solicited advice from the people who were associated with the lands being studied. The completed studies were made available at local BLM offices for comment and review by anyone who was interested.

To further ensure public involvement, BLM decided to study the land on a state-by-state basis. Environmental impact statements are prepared to fully explain the consequences of the various wilderness options. In this way, people can relate more easily to the study areas in their region and give detailed input since they are likely to be familiar

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Secretary Lujan Dedicates First Back Country Byway

The covered wagons and stage coaches are gone now, but the flavor of the Old West still remains in much of the California Desert.

Back country roads on public lands, once traveled by fearless pioneers, can now be crossed in air-conditioned cars and trucks by modern day explorers. To make the trip more enjoyable, a new program identifying the nation's most scenic Back Country Byways is being developed by the BLM and the American Recreation Coalition (ARC).

Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan recently dedicated the nation's first as Wild Horse Canyon Byway Road in the California Desert. Located 60 miles northwest of Needles and 120 miles east of Barstow, the horseshoe-shaped road winds 11 miles through the most scenic parts of the East Mojave National Scenic Area.

"I can think of no better setting for our first national Back Country Byway than here in the beautiful Hole-In-The-Wall country of the East Mojave,"

said Lujan, while erecting the first Back Country Byway sign.

The Wild Horse Canyon Back Country Byway is part of the national system of byways—public land roads, mostly unpaved, with exceptional scenic and recreational values.

"Back country exploring and pleasure driving is one of the major uses of public lands administered by BLM," State Director Ed Hastey said. "The national byway system will help meet an increasing demand for scenic drives."

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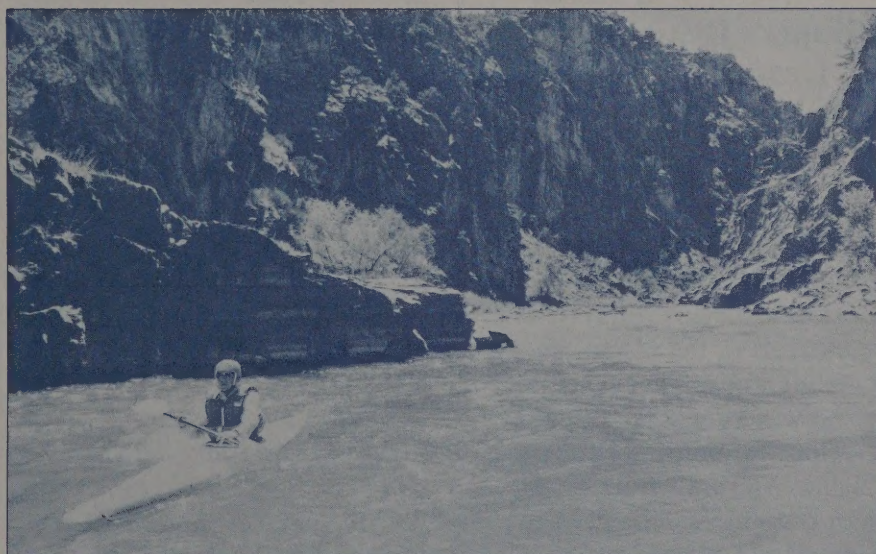
BLM Proud of Wilderness Efforts

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with the lands being discussed.

The BLM is proud of its responsibility for wilderness. We are continuing in the footsteps of those who pioneered the concept of wilderness. The intent is to manage our nation's wilderness heritage well and pass it on to future generations as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This is being done through the determined efforts and dedication of BLM's most valuable resource—its employees.

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A kayaker enjoys a trip through the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Study Area in the Montrose District in Colorado. Photo by John Sering.

BLM Around the Country

BLM, ATV Group Sign National MOU

The BLM and the All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute (ASI) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to permit ASI to conduct safety training on BLM-administered lands. For the BLM, the MOU is the first of many such partnership agreements the agency wants to pursue in implementing its long-range recreation initiative, *Recreation 2000*.

ASI, a division of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, is the training arm of the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) industry in this country. In 1986, the industry entered into a Consent Decree with the U.S. Department of Justice which, among other things, requires that safety training be

provided to new and recent purchasers of ATVs. Because of the need to conduct training classes in many different areas, ASI asked BLM to adopt a "blanket" permit system to expedite and standardize the training approval process.

"From ASI's perspective, the MOU simplifies an administrative process that requires the issuance of a separate permit for each training session," said Bill Civish, chief of the BLM's Washington Office branch of recreation and cultural resources. "Now they must only obtain one statewide permit. From BLM's standpoint, the agreement gets some very important safety and land ethics information into the hands of users of the public lands."

The agreement directs each State Office to issue a single, annual special recreation permit to ASI. All administrative functions including insurance, permit applications requirements, training course scheduling, curriculum, and on-site training are the responsibility of ASI.

In return, ASI has agreed to supplement its current land ethics and environmental awareness components to include special information about BLM's off-highway vehicle programs and special management areas. The ASI will also provide training to BLM employees assigned duties that require the operation of all-terrain vehicles.

University of Idaho Honors Distinguished Graduate Del Vail

Idaho State Director Del Vail recently received the University of Idaho's "Centennial Distinguished Alumnus" recognition at the school's commencement ceremony.

As part of the school's centennial observance, each of the university's nine colleges selected "Centennial Distinguished Alumni" to represent them at commencement exercises. Vail was selected to represent the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences.



John Handee, left, Dean of the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences at the University of Idaho, congratulates Idaho State Director Del Vail, right, for his selection as the college's outstanding graduate.

Vail graduated from the University of Idaho in 1953 with a degree in range management. He was honored with other renowned UI graduates including Dr. Philip Habib, a former Presidential envoy to the Middle East and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and Stewart Brandborg, former executive director of The Wilderness Society.

In April, Vail was elected chairman of the UI's College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences Guidance Council, an advisory group consisting of natural resource leaders in both the public and private sectors.



BLM Exhibit a Hit At International Geological Conference

BLM's multiple use/multiple resources exhibit was a hit at the recent International Geological Congress, attended by more than 6,000 people from around the world in Washington, D.C. The display, designed by Peter Doran of the Service Center, included a video about the BLM, narrated in the viewer's choice of Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese or English, and a hands-on demonstration of the future capabilities of BLM's land information system. Washington Office's Jean Juilland coordinated BLM's participation in the Congress. Above, the Service Center's Leofwin Clark explains BLM's ALMRS strategy to a Norwegian visitor.

BLM Chief Appraiser Elected Chairman

David Cavanaugh, Washington Office chief appraiser, was recently elected chairman of the Appraisal Foundation's Appraisal Standards Advisory Council. The Appraisal Foundation is a nonprofit, educational corporation formed by eight major professional appraisal organizations. The Council is an advisor to the Appraisal Foundation Standards Board (AFSB). The AFSB establishes uniform standards for professional appraisal practice and ethics for the guidance and education of appraisers, the users of appraisal services, investors, financial institutions, real estate brokers, issuers of securities, government agencies, regulatory bodies, and the general public.

Milwaukee District Employees Honored

Three employees in the Milwaukee District were recently recognized for their professional accomplishments in the area of public administration.

Bert Rodgers, district manager, was recently named to the Advisory Board for the Master of Public Administration Program at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. The Advisory Board, which consists of both academic and professional administrators, reviews and comments on changes and revisions to the MPA curriculum, participates on the MPA

oral examinations, and provides guidance and advice to the ongoing MPA Internship Program.

Leon Kabat, assistant district manager for lands and renewable resources, was recognized by the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators (MASPA) as one of the nominees in its annual Public Administrator of the Year ceremony. Kabat was nominated in recognition of his efforts resulting in the resolution of several long-standing landowner-ship conflicts in the District.

Duane Marti, district archaeologist/realty specialist, was elected the Vice President of MASPA. The Milwaukee Chapter has about 170 members who are public administrators in local, state and federal governments, the private sector, and colleges and universities.

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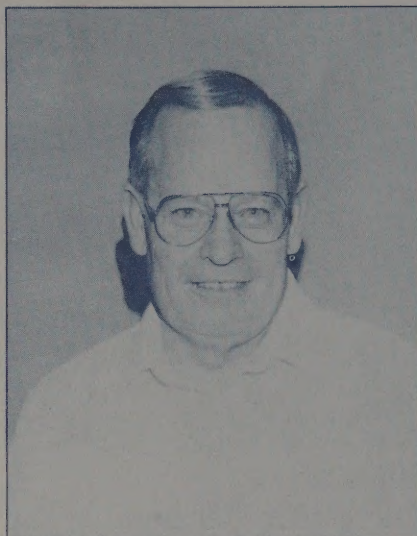
More BLM Around the Country

Utah BLM Managers Receive Meritorious Service Awards

Two senior executives from the Bureau of Land Management's Utah office have received the Department of the Interior's second highest honor from Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr.

The Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Joseph L. Jewkes and William R. Papworth, Jr., for outstanding service and leadership spanning the recipients' entire careers.

Jewkes, Deputy State Director for Administration, was recognized for his outstanding leadership and contributions in the field of administrative management. State Director James Parker praised Jewkes as "a leader who is constantly meeting the challenge of improving operations within the Bureau to benefit employees



Joseph Jewkes

and the public alike."

Papworth, who serves as Deputy State Director for Operations, was praised for his leadership and contributions in the field of natural resource management.

"Mr. Papworth has displayed an outstanding ability to motivate and lead people to



William Papworth

produce high quality results when faced with very complex challenges," Parker said.

In presenting the awards, Mr. Parker said, "These two men represent the high caliber of employees working for the BLM in Utah and we're proud to be associated with such dedicated civil servants."

Fire Retirement System News

If you are a current or former law enforcement or fire management employee covered under the Civil Service Retirement System, the revised regulations for the special retirement system limit your claims for prior service unless you request a determination of your qualification before September 30, 1989. If you request a review before that date, any previous service may be credited. If you wait until after September 30, OPM will only review service performed up to a year before the date you request a review. Extensions of the time limits by OPM are expected to be limited. If you have questions about possible qualification under the special retirement provisions, you should contact your servicing personnel office immediately.

National Back Country Byway Kickoff Planned

A National Kickoff to celebrate BLM's new Back Country Byway program is scheduled for December 7-9 in Mesquite, Nev., in the Las Vegas District. The Kickoff will include media tours of the nearby Gold Butte Back Country Byway, a workshop for BLM employees, and an Old West barbecue. The celebration is being planned in cooperation with the Nevada Department on Tourism and the American Recreation Coalition.

Eastern States Office Wins Management Improvement Award

by Cathy Applegate
ESO Writer-Editor

With a can-do attitude reflected in their philosophy, "Excellence in Service through Commitment and Innovation," the Eastern States Office employees have successfully tackled a variety of challenges in recent years.

Recognition of these accomplishments came this summer when the President's Council on Management Improvement (PCMI) presented State Director Curt Jones with the prestigious 1989 Management Excellence Award.

From more than 65 nominees, the PCMI selected 15 individuals and organizations for their significant management improvements or cost savings to the federal government. Frank Hodsell, PCMI chairman, presented ESO's plaque to Jones who was accompanied by former Director Bob Burford and Lou Gallejos, the Department's Assistant Secretary for Policy, Budget and

Administration.

The award recognized Eastern States Office's extensive program of improving service to BLM's clients. More than \$14 million in savings have been identified, and revenues to the Treasury have been increased by more than \$375,000 as a result.

The Awards Ceremony, which included among its guests Vice President Dan Quayle and OMB Director Richard Darman, culminated OMB's Second Annual Governmentwide Quality and Productivity Conference. The conference, attended by 1,000 federal managers, focused on how commitment to quality leads to better and more efficient services, more satisfied customers, and improved productivity.

Jones teamed up with Gabriel Pall, former director of training for IBM and current vice president of the Juran Institute, a managerial training and consulting firm, for the panel titled, "Providing Quality Training on



ESO State Director Curt Jones. Photo by Bob Ward.

Quality."

Using viewgraphs, Jones explained ESO's evolution through the management team's participation in Toward Excellence training and the results achieved from its practical application. This philosophy gave impetus to the formulation of their core value statement, "Excellence in Service through Commitment and Innovation." A symbol of their pride, the statement is displayed throughout ESO and on all correspondence.

"ESO eagerly accepts challenges and creates the environment in which things happen," Jones said.

ESO implemented employee ideas to improve and increase the adoption of wild horses through satellite

adoptions; they decreased the average response time for land title and patent searches by 66 percent; they aggressively implemented the 1987 Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act bringing in revenue to the government in excess of \$50 million; and they entered into an inter-agency agreement with the Department of Energy to develop a prototype method of preserving and automating the General Land Office records, which will ultimately result in a savings of time and money in data retrieval. The project to preserve these historical land records was recognized by the Bicentennial Commission on the United States Constitution.

Washington Office

New BLM Employees

Colleen Barkow, Pers. Mgmt. Spec., Div. of Pers.

Mary Tisdale, Staff Asst., Deputy Director
Dixie Tugwell, Prog. Analyst, Div. of Fluid Min. Leasing

Reassignments/Promotions

Rajendra Giri, Supv. Petro. Engr., New Mexico SO, to Min. Leasing Spec., Div. of Solid Min. Ops.
Thomas Wawro, Geol., Div. of Min. Policy Analysis & Econ. Eval. to Div. of Mining Law & Salable Min.

Madison Judson, Prog. Eval. Spec., Div. of Prog. Eval., to Mgmt. Analyst, Div. of Mgmt. Research

Robin Stoebe, Comp. Spec, Montana SO to Div. of Info. Res. Mgmt.
Melvin Berg, District Mgr., Oregon, to Supv. Forester, Div. of Forestry
Robert Lavender, Comp. Spec., Wyoming SO to Div. of Info. Res. Mgmt.
Robert Scruggs, Geodesist, California SO, to Land Surv., Div. of Cadastral Survey
Mona Schermerhorn, Min. Leasing Spec., Div. of Fluid Min. Leasing

Retirements

George Brown, Deputy Asst. Director, Fluid Min. Leasing

Other Separations

Margaret Cooper, Min. Leasing Spec., Div. of Solid Min. Leasing
Timothy Locke, Asst. to the Dir., Ofc. of External Affairs

Alaska

New BLM Employees

John Grantland, Electronic Digital Comp. Mech., SO
Louis Jones, Apprenticeship & Training Rep., Arctic DO
Brock Clifford, Land Surv., SO
Carl Kretsinger, Fishery Biol., Kobuk DO
Jon Kostohrys, Hydrol., Steese/White Mtn. DO

Reassignments/Promotions

William Athas, Supv. Land Ofc. Svcs. to Support Svcs. Supv., SO
Danielle Allen, Pub. Affairs Spec., SO to Anchorage DO
Mary Carter, Supv. Land Law Exam. to Land Law Exam., SO
Robert Conquergood, Support Svcs. Supv. to Supv. Land Ofc. Svcs., SO
Terry Hobbs, Supv. Carto. Tech., SO, to Automated Res. Spec., Anchorage DO
David Lavimodiere, Comp. Prog. to Comp. Prog. Analyst, SO
Donald Knight, Land Surv. to Civil Engr., SO
Brenda Moeller, Comp. Spec. to Data Administrator, SO
Barton Stone, Land Surv., SO
Michael Clark, Carto. Tech. to Land Surv., SO
Gary Schmunk, Comp. Spec., to Comp. Prog.,

AK Fire Service

Patricia Tengberg, EE Mgr., Ofc. of State Dir., to Empl. Dev. Spec., SO
H.A. Brownell, Jr., Supv. Realty Spec. to Supv. Nat. Res. Spec, Kobuk DO

Other Separations

Sherman Bell, Land Surv., SO
Richard Maron, Land Surv., SO
Virginia Ezell, Land Law Exam., SO
Barry Noll, Civil Engr., SO
Sheryl Rust, Land Law Exam., SO

Arizona

New BLM Employees

Bill Harrison, Comp. Sys. Analyst, Safford DO

Reassignments/Promotions

Cindy Alvarez, Prog. Analyst to Plng. & Environ. Coord., Safford DO
Mervin Boyd, Concessions Mgmt. Spec. to Supv. Ops. Prog. Spec., Yuma DO

Other Separations

John Norris, Range Con., Phoenix DO
Elno Roundy, Supv. Range Con., Kingman RAO
Mike Feeney, Nat. Res. Spec., Phoenix DO

Eastern States Office

Reassignments/Promotions

Terry Saarela, Mining Engr., SO
Sheridan Ray, Comp. Asst. to Comp. Spec., SO
Joseph Beaudin, Supv. Land Surv. SO
Darlene Simpson, Mgmt. Analyst, SO
Shirley Gilmore, Land Law Exam., SO
Sharon Kipping, Prog. Analyst, SO
Cathy Applegate, Writer-Editor, SO
Thelma Wright, Land Law Exam., SO
Bert Rodgers, District Mgr., Milwaukee DO to Jackson DO

Retirements

Lane Bouman, Supv. Land Surv., SO

Other Separations

Kim Mortenson, Land Surv. SO
Kimberly Teuber, Nat. Res. Spec., Jackson DO
Chuck Campbell, Environ. Sci., Jackson DO
Death
Tom Mathews, Soil Con., Jackson DO, died June 1, 1989

California

New BLM Employees

James Hart, Supv. BLM Ranger, Barstow RAO
Michael Ford, Geol., Barstow RAO
William Houck, Electronic Tech., Susanville DO
David Frink, Outdoor Rec. Plnr., Barstow RAO

Reassignments/Promotions

John Key, Soil Sci. to Hazardous Mat. Prog. Coord., California DO

Scott Adams, Supv. Multi-Res. Spec., New Mexico, to Supv. Outdoor Rec. Plnr., Ukiah DO
Glenn Kline, Forester, Coos Bay, to Supv. Realty Spec., California DO
Marianne Wetzel, Realty Spec., Palm Springs RAO

John Borgic, Forester to Supv. Forester, Ukiah DO

Francis Berg, Archaeologist, Ukiah DO, to Nat. Res. Spec., Redding RAO
Stanley Bales, Outdoor Rec. Plnr., Susanville DO

Kelly Williams, Forester to Nat. Res. Spec., Redding RAO

Robert Sherve, Supv. Res. Prog. Spec. to Assoc. District Mgr., Susanville DO
Jerry Wahl, Land Surv., California SO
Patricia Gradek, Hydrol. to Hazardous Mat. Prog. Coord., Bakersfield DO
Lillian Andris-Olech, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., SO
James McCavitt, Land Surv. to Supv. Land Surv., SO

Other Separations

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Cynthia Grover, Range Con., El Centro RAO

Colorado

New BLM Employees

Graham Russell, Land Surv., SO

Reassignments/Promotions

Carl Budd, Petro. Engr. Tech., Rock Springs DO to SO
Bruce Verstraete, Civil Engr. Tech., Shoshone DO to SO
Paul Onsager, Petro. Engr., SO

Retirements

Patricia Archer, Supv. Pub. Affairs. Spec., SO
Jack Kaiser, Petro. Engr. Tech., San Juan RAO

Other Separations

Jack Wendroth, Hydrol., White River RAO
Lawrence Taylor, Fire Mgmt. Officer, Montrose DO

Idaho

Retirements

Richard Andersen, Realty Spec., SO
G. W. Hockstrasser, Supv. Land Surv., SO

Montana

New BLM Employees

Perl Newton, Admin. Ofcr., SO

Reassignments/Promotions

Brian Hockett, Civil Engr. Tech. to Range Con., Dillon RAO
Darrel Pistorius, Div. Chief to Supv. Land Use Spec., SO
Russell Riebe, Range Con., Wyoming, to Dillon RAO
Janet Singer, EE Mgr., WO, to Admin. Ofcr., SO
David Swogger, Admin. Ofcr. to Div. Chief, SO

Nevada

New Employees

Rebecca Lange, Geol., Sonoma-Gerlach RAO

Reassignments/Promotions

Russell Dailey, Supv. Res. Prog. Spec., Ely DO, to Supv. Ops. Prog. Spec., Elko DO
David Goicoechea, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol. to Program Analyst, SO

Tom O'Toole, Land Surv., Colorado to SO

Retirements

Gerald Brandvold, Area Mgr., Sonoma-Gerlach RAO

Other Separations

Frank Maxwell, Jr., Env. Prot. Spec., Las Vegas DO

New Mexico

Reassignments/Promotions

Frank Splendoria, Cong. Liaison Spec., WO, to Ops. Prog. Mgr., SO
Kathy Eaton, Supv. Pers. Mgmt. Spec., OSM, to Admin. Ofcr., SO

Jeffrey Nighbert, Geographer, SO

Jerry Dutchover Jr., Geol., Roswell DO

Margo Strid, Comp. Oper., to Comp. Spec., Carlsbad RAO

Paul Tanner, Area Mgr., Tulsa DO

Dale Tunnell, Supv. Criminal Invest., SO

Kenny Howell, Petro. Engr., Farmington RAO

Christopher Hopkins, Comp. Oper. to Comp. Spec., Farmington RAO

John Hansen, Range Con. to Supv. Range Con., Farmington RAO

Joseph Torrez, Geol., Las Cruces DO to SO

Other Separations

Lois Meadors, Admin. Ofcr., Albuquerque DO

Oregon

New BLM Employees

Warren Villa, Fuels Mgmt. Spec., Alsea RAO

Reassignments/Promotions

Lee Frances Bluth, Purchasing Agent to Contract Spec., SO

Clinton Boyter, Forestry Tech., No. Umpqua RAO, to Civil Engr. Tech., Drain RAO

Michael Crouse, Fisheries Biol., WO, to Supv. Nat. Res. Spec. (Ch., Br of Range, Watershed, Wildlife), SO

Jeffrey Davis, Forester, So. Umpqua RAO, to Supv. Forester, Myrtlewood RAO

James Elliott, Range Con., Jordan RAO, to Comp. Spec., Vale DO

David Hunsaker, Park Mgr., Nevada to Baker RAO

David Kucera, Forester to Supv. Forester, Coast Range RAO

Lyndon Levitt, Fuels Mgmt. Spec., Grants Pass RAO, to Aviation Spec., Medford DO

Frank Price III, Forester to Supv. Forester, Tioga RAO

Charles Thompson, Forester, Salem DO to Santiam RAO

Stephen Yates, Forester, Drain RAO to No. Umpqua RAO

Retirements

Stewart Avery, Forester, Roseburg DO

Jesse Higdon, Forester, Roseburg DO

Robert Lieurance, Nat. Res. Spec., Vale DO

William McLaughlin, Supv. Forester, Roseburg DO

Other Separations

John Anderson, Fishery Biol., Coos Bay DO

Duane Dippon, Forester, SO

Charles Grasmick, Heavy Mobile Equip. Mech., Medford DO

Scott Whittaker, Environ. Prot. Spec., Spokane DO

Ronald Wiley, Fishery Biol., Burns DO

Peter Zika, Botanist, So. Valley RAO

Utah

New BLM Employees

Ted McDougall, Geol., San Juan RAO

F. Ben Hight, Occ. Safety & Health Mgr., SO

Reassignments/Promotions

Debbie Pietrzak, Forester, Colorado, to Area Mgr., Dixie RAO

Randy Massey, Realty Spec., Arizona, to Vernal DO

Walter Phelps, Supv. Convey. Exam., Nevada, to Supv. Land Law Exam., SO

Other Separations

Gregory Landheim, Oper. Research Analyst, SO

Wyoming

New BLM Employees

Avis Rostrom, Deputy State Dir., Admin., SO

Retirements

Rich Oakes, Supv. Land Surv., SO

Other Separations

Roger Birk, Env. Prot. Spec., Rawlins DO

Grady O'Brien, Hydrol. Tech., Casper DO

Robin Sell, Range Con., Worland DO

Service Center

New BLM Employees

Linda Rosen, Elect. Engr., Div. of Technical Svcs.

Robert Kyle, Audio Visual Prod. Spec., Tech. Trans. Staff

Paul Fessler, Comp. Sys. Analyst, Div. of Modernization

Stephanie Gilbert, Writer-Editor, Tech. Trans. Staff

Betty Buxton, Supv. Oper. Acct., Div. of Finance

Reassignments/Promotions

Steve Gregonis, Supv. Cartographer, Colorado, to Comp. Sys. Analyst, Div. of Systems Engr.

Russell Leavitt, Comp. Prog. Analyst, Div. of Modernization to Div. of Systems Engr.

Iris Matney, Supv. Comp. Sys. Analyst, Div. of Systems Engr.

Francis Benson, Oper. Acct., Div. of Finance

Bruce Beierle, Contract Spec., Div. of Admin. Svcs.

James Morris, Oper. Acct., Div. of Finance Retirements

Shirley McAnally, Comp. Prog. Analyst, Div. of Systems Engr.

Clair Thunem, Oper. Acct., Div. of Finance

Boise Interagency Fire Center

New BLM Employees

Nancy Ryan, Contracting Spec.

Reassignments/Promotions

Gardner Ferry, Fire Plnr., WO, to Chief, Div. of Fire Mgmt.

Stanely Nyberg, Electronic Tech.

Bernard Vinzant, Electronic Tech.

Other Separations

Harrel Stimson, Training Spec.

James Walker, Electronic Tech.

Tracking Personnel is compiled from information submitted by State Office Personnel Branches to the Service Center in Denver by the 15th of every other month. The next deadline for October/November submissions to the SC is September 15. If an office is not listed here, the submission was not received in the Service Center by the deadline. Submissions should be made through the electronic mail system to YA530.

BLM Joins Jamboree Adventure

Staff from nine states and Service Center teach Boy Scouts

*by Bob Ward
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In less than three days, Virginia's Ft. A. P. Hill, an Army base about 100 miles south of Washington, D.C., grew into the 14th largest city in the state when 32,000 Boy Scouts and 4,000 staff members converged for the 11th National Boy Scout Jamboree.

The Bureau of Land Management played an important role in the week-long event in

August, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Seventeen BLM employees from nine states and the Service Center were led by Doug Blankinship, youth coordinator with the Washington Office Volunteer Program Staff. Most of the BLM contingent is currently active in Scouting. Combined, they brought more than 270 years of experience in Scout leadership to the Jamboree.

Charter buses unloaded a sea

of boys in green shorts and khaki shirts emblazoned with colorful regional patches and topped by the scarlet red Jamboree neckerchief. Only the uniforms of the international Scouts representing 35 countries provided a relief from khaki and green, but even they wore the red neckerchief.

Following the theme of the Jamboree, "The Adventure Begins . . . With America's Youth," BLM's exhibit was the

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Bill Brookes, right, a hydrologist from the Oregon State Office, talks to Scouts and Scout leaders about big trees, old growth timber and spotted owls. Photo by Bob Ward.



Scouts try their skill at balancing BLM's multiple-use natural resource wheel. Photo by Scott Brayton.

BLM Exhibit a Hit at Boy Scout Jamboree

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only one of 26 federal, state, and private exhibits that emphasized the contribution of Scouts toward management of its programs.

"The Bureau's exhibit was one of the best and most popular at the Jamboree," said Curt Jones, State Director of the Eastern States Office who represented Director Cy Jamison at the Jamboree.

More than 20,000 Scouts visited BLM's exhibit, located on a path dubbed the Conservation Trail. As visitors entered the BLM exhibit area, they watched a demonstration of the historic and technological advances of the cadastral survey system, followed by a video tape of Boy Scouts working on rehabilitation projects on BLM public lands. After the video, the Scouts had the opportunity to earn the BLM Jamboree Patch through

hands-on exhibits of multiple-use management in desert, tundra, or forest ecosystems.

One of the most popular activities of the BLM area was the natural resource balance wheel, the BLM equivalent of an electric bucking bull. It was a large wheel that rested on a fulcrum and was divided into areas that represented various resources of the public lands. The Scouts had to stand on the wheel and balance the resources. Many left with an appreciation of the challenges involved in multiple-use management.

"Jack," an adopted burro, enjoyed almost constant attention from the Scouts and often serenaded the Conservation Trail-goers with his braying. Sally King from Montana's Billings Resource Area rode "Shadow," a cavalry horse, to one of the subcamps to introduce Scouts to the requirements of the Horsemanship Merit Badge.

"BLM Soars With The Eagles," also a part of the BLM exhibit, featured five Scouts from Oregon, Colorado, California, Wyoming, and Utah, who had done their projects for Eagle rank on BLM public lands. The Eagle Scouts were awarded grants from the BLM to attend the Jamboree and to work part-time at the exhibit. In addition, two Explorer Scouts traveled from Fairbanks, Alaska, to work full time at the BLM exhibit. The Scouts came from Explorer Post 124, an "1890s Cavalry Post," which helps the BLM Fairbanks District Office with recreation trail and shelter maintenance in the Steese-White Mountain National Recreation Area.

In addition to its exhibit on the Conservation Trail, BLM had a booth at the Merit Badge Midway where an estimated 200 Scouts stopped each day. BLM employees worked with the Scouts to assist them in meeting the requirements for the Environmental Science Merit Badge.

"This badge is a requirement for Eagle rank and is one of the most difficult to achieve as it requires many hours of field observations, analysis, and a major written report," said Bill Wagner of the Utah State Office and a member of his local Scout Council. Meeting partial requirements for this badge required the Scouts to participate in the BLM, Environmental Protection Agency, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Lease Sale Nets \$17 Million



Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan recently addressed industry representatives at the Eastern State Office's competitive oil and gas lease sale in New Orleans. The sale generated more than \$17 million from parcels in Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida and Mississippi. A total of 42 BLM lease sales has been held during fiscal year 89, generating more than \$77 million in bonus bids.

Boy Scout Adventure

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activities on the Conservation Trail.

During their few free hours, many of the staff changed from their BLM uniforms to their Scout uniforms and visited their hometown troops. The

Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill was a highly visible demonstration of the Bureau's broader participation with many other of America's youth such as Girl Scouts, 4-H, and Future Farmers of America.

BLM Jamboree Staff

Alaska--**Richard Bouts**, Landscape Architect, Steese/White Mountain DO

California--**Mark Struble**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, SO

Colorado--**Frank Young**, Area Manager, Northeast RAO

Eastern States--**Bob Ward**, Public Affairs Specialist, SO

Idaho--**Duane Olsen**, Chief, Cadastral Survey, SO; **Alan Wood**, ADM, Operations, Salmon DO

Montana--**Sally King**, Realty Specialist, Billings RAO; **Chuck Hollenbaugh**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Garnet RAO

Oregon--**Bill Brookes**, Hydrologist, SO; **Lee Larsen**, Area Manager, Border RAO

Service Center--**Larry Hoovestol**, Chief, Branch of Engineering Services

Utah--**William Wagner**, Natural Resource Specialist, SO; **Blaine Miller**, Archaeologist, San Rafael RAO; **Stewart Jacobsen and family**, Outdoor Recreation Planner, House Range RAO

Wyoming--**David Harper**, Realty Specialist, Pinedale RAO; **Terri Trevino**, Land Clerk, SO

Washington Office--**Doug Blankinship and family**, Youth Coordinator, Volunteer Program Staff

Northern Spotted Owl Symbolizes Extremes in Pacific Northwest Today

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*Ron Kaufman
Eugene DM*

Item: On a cool Friday afternoon in late April, BLM's Eugene District office was the target of an Earth First! demonstration with more than 200 people protesting the agency's forestry policies.

Item: Two weeks later, almost to the minute, the Eugene District was again the site of a demonstration. About 125 people, most of them affiliated with the timber industry, gathered in front of the district office, this time showing their support of BLM's forestry program.

No other events more readily symbolize the extremes of the number one resource issue in the Pacific Northwest today: management of old growth forests in general, and in particular, management of the northern spotted owl.

That the spotted owl is at the center of an intense and emotional debate is something of an irony. The bird is reclusive, most active at night, and prefers living quietly under the canopy of old growth forests.

It's the last attribute that has brought the northern spotted owl into the limelight. Environmental groups say that the bird is an indicator species of the overall health of the old growth

forest ecosystem. Fewer birds mean a deteriorating old growth forest, they believe.

On the other hand, timber industry officials believe that survival of the northern spotted owl and logging are not mutually exclusive activities. They say not enough is known about the bird and its needs to withdraw vast acreages from commercial timber production. Up to 80,000 jobs could be lost in Oregon because of the owl, industry insiders say.

The issue made its way into court two years ago. Although no decisions have been issued by the courts concerning habitat needs of the owl, BLM's timber sale offerings in western Oregon were slashed by almost 400 million board feet in 1989 because of injunctions that prohibited sales within a 2.1 mile radius of any spotted owl nesting site.

Loggers, judges and environmentalists aren't the only people interested in spotted owls these days.

"The issue has ignited a lot of public interest," said Ron Kaufman, Eugene district manager. "You walk into the grocery store and the checkers are talking about it. You stop at a service station and the attendant wants to know the latest. Even at church, people bring up

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Spotted Owl Center of Debate

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the subject."

The subject is also on the minds of elected officials. Most of Oregon's congressional delegation is actively involved in the issue, trying to work out a solution that would be agreeable to all the parties. A compromise plan suggested by both Oregon senators, three congressmen, and the governor was accepted by the timber industry in June, but rejected by a coalition of environmental groups. Legislation aimed at resolving the problem remains a possibility.

In the long run, lawsuits probably won't be the driving force in spotted owl management, BLM managers believe. In June, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed that the northern spotted owl be listed as a threatened species.

"It may take up to another year for the listing process to be completed. The effects of a 'threatened' listing would probably last much longer than a court injunction," Kaufman said.

Most BLM lands in western Oregon are remnants of a grant given to the Oregon and California Railroad Company in the 1860s. The lands are among the most productive timber-growing sites anywhere in the world. When timber is sold on BLM lands in western Oregon, 50 percent of the money received for the harvesting rights is split among the 18 counties containing the old O&C railroad lands. A large portion of county budg-



The Northern Spotted Owl, a reclusive bird, is causing an emotional uproar in the Pacific Northwest. Photo courtesy of The World, Coos Bay, Ore.

ets depend on BLM timber revenues.

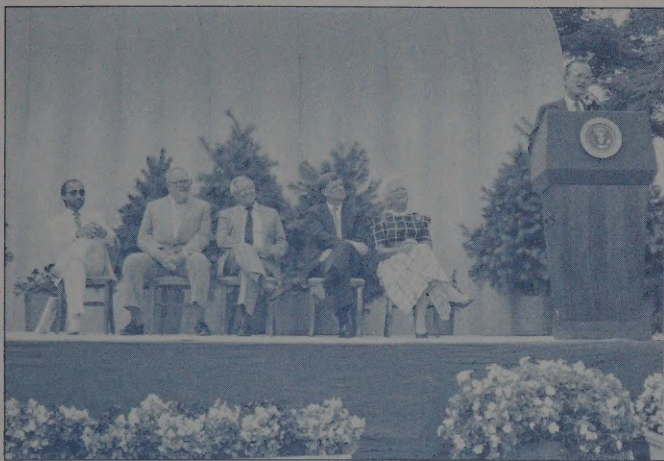
"The counties are definitely concerned," Kaufman said. "A local county commissioner here said that if the funds from BLM are cut off, property taxes would need to be raised eight-fold to maintain the same level of service."

What will the northern spotted owl mean to BLM managers in Oregon? It's too

early to say for sure, but a few things seem clear.

"In the long run, we'll all have to adjust in some ways. I really believe that we'll be moving away from a focus on individual species and resources and moving toward maintaining an ecological diversity that will serve all forest resources," Kaufman said. "And maybe that will be the best result of this whole process."

Bush Lauds Take Pride Participants



Although the weather was hot and humid, it didn't stop more than 1,000 people from joining, from left, Singer Lee Greenwood, Veterans Affairs Secretary Edward Derwinski, Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, Vice President Dan Quayle, First Lady Barbara Bush and President Bush on the South Lawn of the White House July 24 to honor 103 winners of the Third Annual Take Pride in America Awards Program.



Steve Fischer of New Mexico jokes with Secretary Lujan at a Department of the Interior ceremony. Fischer, a BLM Project Coordinator for El Malpais National Conservation Area, organized the Friends of El Malpais in 1988. Under his leadership, the group has donated more than 300 hours in projects at El Malpais.



National Award winner Ron Gardiner, left, and girlfriend Drue Bralove chat with Secretary Lujan after an Interior ceremony recognizing Take Pride participants. As a professional photographer, artist and wildlife volunteer for the Taos Resource Area in New Mexico, Gardiner contributed 456 hours of field time and another 400 hours of research, report preparation and environmental education presentations in a six-month period in 1988.



Donald Unruh, left, and his son Don, right, visit with Director Cy Jamison at a reception for Take Pride participants. Donald, a volunteer from Elko, Nev., has contributed 400 hours rehabilitating 11 riparian areas. His son Don was one of five Eagle Scouts BLM sponsored at the Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia.

California Desert Site of First Back Country Byway

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Visitors traveling on Wild Horse Canyon Road begin their trip at Hole-in-The-Wall Campground, a recreation area named for its setting in unique volcanic rock formations. Vast desert open spaces covered with cholla cactus and delicate purple, yellow, white, and red wallflowers, set against dramatic volcanic slopes, are typical of low desert lands.

Driving north, visitors see giant sagebrush and pinyon-juniper trees decorating the desert's sandy brown soil. Granite mountain ranges reach for the hot desert sun, and flat mountain expanses, called mesas, stretch across the horizon.

A wide variety of wildlife live in this region including mountain lions and bobcats. As visitors begin their journey at the southern end, they can see redtail hawks, golden eagles, and turkey vultures, while the northern end of the trail, in high desert country, serves as home to blacktail deer. Recreationists may even spot a bighorn sheep high up on a ridge while looking through the windows of their vehicles.

A panoramic view of the vast desert greets visitors near the end of their journey, which takes travelers from the 3,500-foot level at Hole-In-The-Wall to an elevation above 5,000 feet at Mid-Hills Campground. To the north are the chocolate brown and contrasting milky white marble colors of the Pinto Mountains. To the west lie the rolling Kelso Sand Dunes, the third



From left, California State Director Ed Hastey, Secretary Manual Lujan and Desert District Manager Gerald Hillier dedicate the country's first Back Country Byway.

largest dune system on the North American continent. Looking west, the striking Granite Mountains serve as an outdoor classroom for University of California students researching the region's natural wildlife, vegetation, geology, and climate. Dominating the horizon to the south are the Providence Mountains, hiding a series of limestone caves known as Mitchell Caverns, and a century-old ghost town from early-day mining in the region.

"The Wildhorse Canyon

Back Country Byway is unique," California State Office Recreation Chief Phil Damon said. "In a short distance the road climbs over 2,000 feet giving travelers the opportunity to see a wide variety of high desert life." It also provides an opportunity to see a variety of activities on public lands, from cattle ranches being worked much as they have for the last century, to BLM's modern-equipped fire station, and from developed campgrounds to primitive outposts. *(See related item on page 6)*

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